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Re: Allowed U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/865,346; Filed: May 25, 2001
For: **Nucleotide Compounds that Block
the Bitter Taste of Oral Compositions**

Inventors: McGregor *et al.*
Our Ref: 2305.0050000/HLK/PAC

Sir:

In response to the **Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due** dated June 16, 2004, the following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Issue Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85B);
2. Copy of the Change of Correspondence Address Form as previously filed on September 8, 2004;
3. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
4. Letter to the PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
5. Seven sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1A, 1B, 2A-2K and 3), approval of which is respectfully requested;
6. Return postcard; and
7. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$995.00 to cover:
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are seven sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 2I, 2J, 2K and 3, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

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